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## HELPFUL HINTS FOR LANCASTER FARMERS

### COTTON CROP SHORTAGE

Valuable Information Concerning Seed Corn for Next Year. Boll Weevil Coming.

The ginners report for Lancaster county published in the last issue of The News, furnished by Mr. L. M. Beckham of Pleasant Hill, in which it is shown that the bales of cotton ginned this season are 2,100 short of last season, is convincing proof of the cotton shortage in Lancaster. Considerable food for thought to those who are interested in the future welfare of our county.

In addition to the above we must further consider the fact that, in all probability, the dreaded boll weevil will reach this county during the next two years, therefore, we should not delay longer in beginning our preparations with which to meet this new foe. Those who have not witnessed the dreadful ravage of the boll weevil cannot begin to realize what our farmers are up against when it does arrive. Therefore, to be prepared for the coming of this pest, we should get busy on crop rotation, cover crops, small grains, crimson clover, corn and stock raising. Get in touch with the local county agent, Mr. C. L. McManus, and have him advise with you as to the proper line of procedure.

In discussing the possibilities of corn raising for instance we can truthfully state that a better county than Lancaster for this purpose can hardly be found in the State. Lancaster county has fields of corn this year that are excellent from every standpoint. There are a great many more that are only medium and too many that are almost worthless. In some cases the farmer is wholly responsible for the big yield; in others the big yield has come in spite of the farmer. In some cases the farmer is wholly responsible for the low yield; and again in other circumstances over which the grower has no control are to blame. The business of the man who intends to grow corn next year is so to act that no one can say he is to blame for the failure. When a crop does not meet our expectations learn the cause if possible and overcome the difficulty.

Now is the time to start the 1917 corn crop. Some time ago we published an article in this paper calling your attention to the matter of proper seed corn selection. It is to be hoped that every corn grower has selected some corn from the field. The question "How can this corn best be kept until planting season?" is the one to be answered now. When seed corn is taken from the field it should be husked at once and placed in a dry place where there is a free circulation of air. The ears should be so placed that they will not touch each other. Corn must not be allowed to freeze while drying, for that reason a well protected place must be selected in which to keep during the winter. The amount of cold corn can stand and still grow depends upon the percent of moisture present. After the corn has dried as thoroughly as possible store in a dry place where the temperature is reasonably constant and not too cold.

In connection with seed corn discussion a few facts should be stated; seed corn selected from standing corn in the field will yield a great deal more per acre than seed corn picked at the time of husking. A farmer's time is worth \$2.50 per hour when intelligently devoted to selecting and testing seed corn. Try it two years and you will say that the estimate is low. Is your time worth more at any other farm labor?

The drop in the price of potash makes the fertilizer outlook for the future hopeful. As yet potash prices are prohibitive. The price according to the president of the Armour Fertilizer Works has dropped from \$500 per ton for muriate of potash to \$290. Fortunately America is not wholly dependent upon Germany for potash. According to the same authority the Armour alumina project in Utah, which has been developed since the war is now shipping a carload a day.

Farmers and others are looking forward to more leisure during the

## MORIAH ASSOCIATION LARGELY ATTENDED

### DEATH OF MRS. JOHNSON

Splendid Meeting Held at Heath Springs—Many Prominent Visitors Present.

Heath Springs, Oct. 10.—The one hundred and first annual session of the Moriah Baptist Association was held with Beaver Creek church, Rev. B. F. Carson, pastor, beginning Thursday, the 5th inst., and continuing through Saturday. The former officers were re-elected as follows: Rev. T. A. Dabney, moderator; W. F. Estridge, clerk, and W. C. Adams, treasurer. The various objects fostered by the Baptist denomination, as State, home and foreign missions, orphanage, education, ministerial relief, woman's work, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work, and other topics, were well discussed by preachers and laymen on the field, and by visiting representatives of the different boards. Among those from a distance who attended were Rev. L. J. Bristow, superintendent of the Baptist hospital, Columbia, Dr. E. M. Poteat, president of Furman University, Greenville, Dr. C. C. Brown, corresponding secretary of the minister's relief board, Columbia, Mr. J. E. Nunnery, field editor Baptist Courier Greenville, and Dr. W. T. Derieux, corresponding secretary State mission board, Columbia. A good collection was taken on Friday for the ministerial relief fund. All the churches in the association were represented by letter and delegates. The reports from 24 churches showed marked progress in contributions to the various objects fostered and in addition to membership during the past year.

The membership of the county is 4,000, the contributions, for all purposes, approximately \$20,000. Value of church property approximately \$60,000. The next session to be held with Camp Creek church October, 1917.

Dr. H. W. Bays, P. E., Sumter district, preached in the Heath Springs Methodist church Sunday afternoon. The fourth quarterly conference of the circuit was held at Heath Springs Monday morning. Interesting and helpful addresses were delivered at the same time and place by Mr. M. W. Brabham, S. S. secretary of the North Carolina conference, and Rev. W. C. Owen, S. S. secretary of the South Carolina conference and Rev. J. H. Graves of the Camden Methodist church.

The body of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, who died at her home in Rock Hill, Thursday, October 5th, was brought to Pleasant Hill on the afternoon train of the same day, and interred at Rich Hill church in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The funeral was preached by the Rev. W. D. Hammett, one of the Baptist pastors of Rock Hill, who accompanied the body on this sad mission. Mrs. Johnson, who joined the Baptist church at the age of 15 years, remained a constant member of the same and a devout Christian till the day of her death, and her faith in Christ was her strength and stay during her illness of eleven weeks with typhoid fever, as well as in all her life. Mrs. Johnson is survived by her father, Mr. S. B. Hammond, of Rich Hill, her husband, four sons, Ezell, Steve, Lewis and Dixon, daughters, Annie, Belle, Gladys, and Grace, and the following brothers and sisters: W. S. Hammond, R. E. Hammond, Rich Hill; Mrs. T. D. Carnes, Tabernacle, and Mrs. G. D. Ellis, Heath Springs.

coming months. The farmers clubs and all similar organizations should take on new life and prepare for a profitable winter. Every community should have its organization that will help to build up the individual community. One or two energetic persons can start a proposition that will bring aid from their friends and change greatly for the better any community. Of course Lancaster county communities are all right but that is conclusive evidence that they might be better. The News plans to push such work the coming months, and will be pleased to co-operate with all communities interested.

## GRAND PARADES FEATURE OF FAIR

### MR. B. CUNNINGHAM CHIEF MARSHAL

Automobile and School Day Parades To Play Important Part in Fair Program—Prizes to be Given—Assistant Marshals to be Named Later.

Among the many features of the Lancaster County Fair, to be held November 20-25, that will prove interesting to the many thousands of visitors who will crowd the streets during the event, will be that of the two monster parades which will take place on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24. The committee having this work in charge has arranged a program which it is believed will interest everybody.

After having given the selection of a suitable man careful attention, taking into consideration the many and varied qualifications required to properly and effectively fill the post satisfactory, the committee has chosen Mr. B. Cunningham of Lancaster for the important position as "Chief Marshal" who will have supervision of the parades. Mr. Cunningham is deeply interested in the success of the fair association; he is thoroughly conversant with the many duties in connection with the post, a splendid horseman, and, in our opinion, the committee made a wise selection to this important position, and should feel elated that he has consented to accept. Mr. Cunningham advised last evening that he would make the appointment of his assistants in time for publication in Friday's issue.

In addition to the smaller ones, there will be two grand parades during the fair. The first will be that of the "Automobile Parade" in which a large number of cars will participate, and will be seen on Thursday, November 23. The parade will form on Dunlap street and will move promptly at 10 a. m. The line of march will be led by mounted police, Chief J. E. Orr and his two assistants, Messrs. Orr and Linder, followed by the twelve piece Italian band in full parade uniform. Next in line will be the chief marshal, Mr. Cunningham, followed by his assistants mounted three abreast. In the first car will be Mr. E. M. Croxton, president Lancaster County Automobile Association, and Mr. G. Millen Plyler of the enterprising firm of Plyler & Mackey, managers for the parade. Following in perfect order will be a number of cars of all make, shape, form and fashion, profusely decorated in color schemes both appropriate and bewitching in which will be gallant men and beautiful gowned women all combined creating a fascinating spectacle of human achievement, and

## GOVERNOR MANNING STARTS FOR HOME

### TO CONTINUE INQUIRIES

Party Will Bring Back Information of Great Value to Farmers of State.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 8.—Having completed a trip of several hundred miles through the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, the South Carolina boll weevil commission arrived in Montgomery early this morning.

Governor Manning left the party today and is returning to Columbia.

The commission will tomorrow visit many farms in Alabama, which is considered comparatively new weevil territory.

Last night at Brookhaven, Miss., the commission held a conference of three hours when the report on the investigation was drafted. Certain recommendations will be made to the people of South Carolina.

The commission will hold a meeting in Columbia at a later date and it is very probable that a great conference of farmers, merchants and bankers will be called when the means of meeting the ravages of the weevil will be considered.

a scene of perfect resplendence not soon to be forgotten.

### Auto Prizes.

A prize of \$5 in gold will be given for the best decorated car. Plyler & Mackey will give one \$7.50 "auto bumper" for best decorated Ford car. Lancaster Garage will give one \$6 "Spot Light," attachable to any car, for best decorated farmers car. The parade will proceed from Dunlap to Main street, down Main to the Southern depot, returning on Main thence to the corner of Catawba and Dunlap streets where the judging will be done.

### School Parade.

The School Day Parade will be held Friday, November 24. Professors C. E. Wessinger, V. A. Lingle, S. E. Miles of Heath Springs and H. W. Scott of Kershaw are the managers. The parade will form near school house promptly at 10 a. m. and will move in line of march in same method as outlined in auto parade, being led by mounted police, band, chief marshal and assistants. Every school in the county is urged to be present and participate in the day's program.

A more inspiring scene cannot be pictured in the mind of man than that of some three to four thousand happy school children, marching to the enchanting music of "Dixie," waving their little banners and shouting their little voices in ecstasy of delight, for to many of them it means a day of days. So let the little fellows come and enjoy a day of blissful happiness, a needed recreation, a day of perfect enjoyment.

### Prizes.

\$5 in gold will be given for best school float in parade. \$5 in gold for largest percentage of enrollment from any one school making best showing on foot.

Remember Friday will witness the grand parade of school floats and, as above outlined, suitable cash prizes will be given for best decorated float. The fair management does not mean by this the most expensive, but on the other hand, it is their intention to encourage the children in building and decorating their floats with natural foliage which they can secure with little effort.

In Friday's issue of The Lancaster News we will name the various superintendents for the fair and discuss their duties.

## CHARLESTON JURY FAILS TO AGREE

### DAY OF DELIBERATION

Nearly Twenty-four Hours Spent in Vain Attempt to Reach Decision.

Charleston, Oct. 8.—After being out nearly 24 hours the jury in the Brown case, which opened in the court of general sessions Friday morning, was discharged this afternoon at 5 o'clock Judge Rice ordering a mistrial. The jury retired Saturday at 7 p. m., with the evidence in this first "election case." At 11:30 o'clock it had not reached agreement and was locked up to spend the second night in the court house. When it was seen this afternoon that there was no hope of agreement Judge Rice ordered a mistrial.

Men of both factions in municipal politics were on the jury in about equal proportions.

Solicitor Henry tonight would make public no inkling of his plans as to the other 12 election cases pending and which he came here specially to prosecute. It is probable, however, that failure to secure a verdict in the Brown case may mean a postponement of the others to another term.

## FALL TERM COURT CONVENED MONDAY

### JUDGE MAULDIN PRESIDES

Work Pushed With Rapidity—J. C. McLure Acting Solicitor.

The fall term of court for Lancaster convened Monday morning with Judge T. J. Mauldin of Pickens on the bench. On account of the Governor having Solicitor J. K. Henry in Charleston prosecuting what is known as the "election cases," Hon. J. C. McLure is acting solicitor. The court has a heavy docket for the term. Court will adjourn Thursday at noon to enable Judge Mauldin to go to Columbia to meet with the Supreme Court to pass on a number of constitutional matters. Court will reconvene next week but we have not been advised if the criminal docket will again be taken up and continued until completed, or whether the court will pass to the civil docket.

The following cases were tried Monday:

Rainey Williams plead guilty to housebreaking and larceny; sentence one year on public works of the county.

William Drakeford plead guilty to housebreaking and larceny; sentence 18 months on public works of the county.

Lee Vester Houston guilty to assault with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapon; sentence nine months or \$200 fine.

Henry Jones plead guilty to petit larceny; sentence 30 days or \$50 fine, half of sentence suspended during good behavior.

Springs Montgomery plead guilty to assault; sentence 30 days or \$35 fine.

Joseph Cunningham arraigned on charge of Arson. Case set for Tuesday morning.

### Tuesday Morning.

Orrin Miller, colored, plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapon, and was given 14 months on the gang or \$200.

Joe Woodward, colored, plead guilty to a charge of housebreaking and larceny and was given 15 months on the gang.

As we go to press the court was engaged in the trial of Joe Cunningham, colored, charged with the burning of T. Y. Williams' gin house on the 5th of June of the present year.

The Grand Jury have reported upon all the bills entrusted to them by the solicitor, and are now working on their final presentment which we will publish in our next issue.

## U. S. LAND BANK BOARD GUARDS AGAINST FRAUD

Washington, Oct. 8.—Because of numerous complaints that fraud has been practiced in the organization of joint stock land banks under the new rural credits law, the farm loan board announced tonight that no charter would be granted to any joint stock land bank in the organization of which there had been any expense for promotion, and that the consideration of charters for these banks would be deferred until the completion of the organization of the Federal farm loan system.

The board has received information that swindlers have sold fraudulent joint stock land bank stocks to needy farmers in many sections and that in some cases men of good standing have been misled into becoming officers and stockholders in these enterprises. Other companies engaged in selling their stock and paying a small commission apparently are not organized with fraudulent intent, but will not be chartered to do business in the farm loan system under today's announcement.

## 101 RANCH SHOW TRAIN WRECKED IN VIRGINIA

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 8.—A special train on the Virginia Railway, bearing the 101 Ranch and Buffalo Bill Wild West Show to Norfolk, was wrecked today near Victoria, 141 miles from this city.

More than a score of horses are said to have been killed. There was no loss of life. Cause of the wreck has not been ascertained.

## VAN WYCK NEWS DURING PAST WEEK

### \$300 FOR FLOOD RELIEF

Correspondent Discusses Cotton Market—Road Work Progressing—Many Visitors.

Van Wyck, Oct. 10.—Our weather prophets who predicted killing frost early in October, say they are in error, that the present moon is too far south for an early frost. Some of our farmers, thought they were right about the early frost and mowed their late peavines, and cut off their late corn before it was ready to be harvested and thereby lost a good percent of the value of these crops. We were our own prophet and let our late crops grow on, and will be well repaid in the increased yield.

Cotton pickers are keeping right up with the open cotton, and this is being ginned and sold as fast as gathered as the price is good.

We see the News is boosting Lancaster's cotton market. This is right. On October the second we were in Lancaster and the price of cotton was booming—16 1-2 cents and over. We had a little cotton ready for market, so hired a man to drive a team and loaded up our cotton on Tuesday morning, expecting a fancy price from the Lancaster market, but to our surprise, we were barely offered 16 cents, and finally sold to the new cotton buyer of Lancaster, Mr. Ahrens at 16 1-16. We were offered 16 1-4 for the cotton at Van Wyck that morning before it was loaded on the wagon and by 12 o'clock could have sold at 16 3-8 without moving it. So in posting up our books we had to place on the debit side of the ledger the price of our man, the worth of the team's hauling and few dollar's loss in the price between Van Wyck market and Lancaster market.

Other markets on October 3rd were 16 1-2 and over. Our conclusion of the matter was, that the Lancaster market on the 2nd day of October was on a boom and on the 3rd must have been on a bad slump, or that we did not get a fair deal, and that no more of our cotton would go to Lancaster, unless we knew what we would get for it before we delivered the goods.

We do not mean to knock Lancaster. We like the town, like her people, her banks, her merchants and her citizenship. But facts and figures are stubborn things and hard to get around.

Mr. R. S. Howard, District Superintendent of U. S. Flood Relief, visited Van Wyck to learn something of the flood situation in our community. We had a pleasant interview with him and learned a good deal of what is being done in many of the flooded districts. He seemed somewhat surprised that the Supervisor of Lancaster county had not made any application for some of the relief funds, which this county was entitled to. He spoke very highly of Supervisor Boyd of York county, and told how Mr. Boyd took hold of the matter and how well he distributed the work in the flood districts of York—convenient to the flood sufferers and the great amount of good work he had accomplished and the relief he had given to the many sufferers.

He said other counties had done well but he thought York county had accomplished most. He spoke highly of the good work done on the streets of Lancaster, but thought the money ought to have been better distributed among the flooded districts, but no one had made a request except the mayor of Lancaster. And my request for a more equitable distribution. He assigned \$300 for road work in Van Wyck community. Van Wyck will soon organize a crew and get some of the relief fund.

Mrs. J. A. Hyatt and Mrs. J. M. Yoder entertained for Mrs. Hinson of Sumter, and Mrs. W. H. Hyatt of Kershaw, at Mrs. Hyatt's on Tuesday afternoon. All present had a pleasant time. Light refreshments were served.

Miss Bessie Cunningham of Lancaster spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Yoder, at Oakdale.

Mrs. Ida Nisbet has returned to her home in Van Wyck, after several months spent at Montreat and Charleston.

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